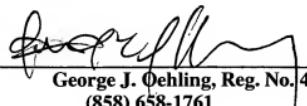


## REMARKS

Claims 17-21, 38-42, and 47 have been withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 30, 2004. Applicant hereby elects claims 1-16, 22-37 and 43-46 (Group I) for examination on the merits without traverse. This election is made without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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